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	Examiner Roberto Rábago	Art Unit 1713	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,4-15,17-29,32,33,35,37-39,41-43 and 45-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,4-15,17,20-29,32,33,35,37-39,41-43 and 45-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 18 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/21/2007 has been entered.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed 2/21/2007 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.321(b) and/or (c) because:

An attorney or agent, not of record, is not authorized to sign a terminal disclaimer in the capacity as an attorney or agent acting in a representative capacity as provided by 37 CFR 1.34 (a). See 37 CFR 1.321(b) and/or (c).

Oath/Declaration

3. The declaration of Palanisamy Arjunan filed 2/21/2007 under 37 CFR 1.132 has been reviewed and found to be sufficient to remove US 2004/0132935 as prior art against the instant application.

Double Patenting

4. Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17, 20-29, 32, 33, 35, 37-39, 41-43 and 45-49 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 44-50, 53-56, 58, 60-64 and 70 of copending U.S. application No. 10/667,586. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other. The two claim sets describe substantially the same polymer obtained by methods which, although differing somewhat in the scope of required elements, are also substantially the same. It is particularly noted that the working examples from each specification are identical. Instant claims 1, 2, 4-11, 17, 20, 25-29, 32, 33, 37-39, 41-43, and 45-49 are obvious over copending claims 44-50, 53-56, 58, 60-64 and 70. The copending claims have not specified the crystallization temperature as required in claims 12-15, nor the melt flow rate as required in claims 21-24, nor the syndio/isotacticity as required in claim 35; however, in view of the similarity of the methods which are stated to achieve the polymer of each claim set, it would appear that these additional properties would be inherent in the polymer of the copending claims. The burden of proof is shifted to applicants to show that the additional claimed features would not be present in the polymer obtained according to the claimed copending method.

MPEP 1490 V.D. states that if both applications are filed on the same day, then an ODP rejection cannot be withdrawn without a Terminal Disclaimer in the application which claims the "improvement." In this case, the two specifications at issue contain a substantial amount of common material, including identical working examples, yet each

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claim set is drafted to emphasize different process features, and therefore either of the two applications could be seen as containing the improvement. Accordingly, this rejection cannot be withdrawn even though it is the sole remaining issue.

5. Claims 18 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberto Rábago whose telephone number is (571) 272-1109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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